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MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2002 AT 5:00 PM

MPO GOVERNING BOARD

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

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- MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2002

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2003-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990 (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

B. FY 2003 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION (UPWP)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2003 FINAL DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

C. REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBER JAVIER D. SOUTO

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ASSURE THAT STORM WATER DRAINS LOCATED WITHIN ROAD OR EXPRESSWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY SUBJECT TO THEIR JURISDICTION ARE UNOBSTRUCTED AND ABLE TO DISCHARGE STORM WATER RUNOFF AT PEAK CAPACITIES

D. JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL MARKETING AND CAPITAL LEASING PROGRAM

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2002 AT 5:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairperson Margolis called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. In addition to Chairperson Margolis, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Perla T. Hantman	Natacha Seijas
Jimmy L. Morales	Jose Smith
Dennis C. Moss	Katy Sorenson
Javier D. Souto	

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, and Robert A. Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

The following Board members arrived after the meeting commenced and during the citizen's presentation:

Bruno A. Barreiro	Dorin D. Rolle
Betty T. Ferguson	Arthur E. Teele, Jr.
M. Ronald Krongold	

After their arrival, a quorum was present.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the agenda, and Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Seijas moved the approval of the minutes of April 25, 2002, and Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

A.

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Frank Hernandez, CTAC Chairperson, respectfully reminded the Board of the CTAC vacancies that needed to be filled. He further informed the Board that Mr. Clinton Forbes, MPO Project Manager, had a list of interested citizens who wished to serve on CTAC. He also stated that CTAC unanimously endorsed the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) at their last meeting. He further informed the Board that CTAC sponsored a tour of Krome Avenue for its member and would present a formal resolution to the Board at its June meeting. He also informed the Board that CTAC held a special workshop regarding alternatives for a dedicated funding source and would present CTAC's resolution regarding this issue at the next Board meeting. He concluded by informing the Board that CTAC re-elected him to serve a Chair for another year.

Board Member Rolle appointed Kristopher Smith to the Transportation Aesthetic Review Committee (TARC).

Board Member Souto appointed Ana Maria Monte-Flores to TARC and Amado Leon to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

No report was presented.

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) VACANCY LIST

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC member, respectfully reminded the Board of the vacancies on BPAC that needed to be filled. He further informed the Board that BPAC have actively been involved in various projects throughout Miami-Dade. He concluded by asking for the Board's permission to return during the TIP public hearing to discuss the Grand Avenue project.

IV. ACTION ITEM

A. FY 2003-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY COMPLIANCE
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2003-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990

Chairperson Margolis opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Johnny Winton, City of Miami Commissioner, informed the Board that the Grand Avenue Project was a study conducted by Gannett Fleming to recommend alternatives to revitalize Grand Avenue. He further stated that the citizens, local businesses and elected officials supported a 10 feet sidewalk on both sides of Grand Avenue. He concluded by stating that the citizens of Coconut Grove respectfully request the MPO to give instructions to staff to begin construction design documents that would include the request from the community.

Board Member Morales further clarified that the community did not support a bike path on Grand Avenue. He concluded by motioning that item A and B of the TIP Errata Sheet be amended to reflect this request. Board Member Teele seconded the motion. The motion leads to discussion.

Board Member Souto requested clarity on how this motion would affect the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. Mr. Mesa responded that the Plan currently contains a policy that states a bicycle path must be considered for any new road improvements. He further stated that the Public Works Department was currently working on alternatives to address this issue.

Board Member Teele stated that the current motion did not change the policy to consider bike paths. He further stated that the policy to consider bike paths was reviewed by the community and it was decided that a 10 feet sidewalk on both sides of Grand Avenue would help in the revitalization of the West Grove community.

Board Member Souto requested clarity from the BPAC on how this motion would affect bike paths. Mr. Silver responded that the Grand Avenue would serve as a connector feeder to Key West, the Metrorail Paths, the busway, Parkwest north and south. He further stated that a bike path on Grand Avenue would also attract more tourists to the local businesses. He further clarified that Coconut Grove currently rent bicycles to tourists who could use the bike paths on Grand Avenue to travel.

Chairperson Margolis requested clarity on whether the bike path could be placed in another location. Mr. Silver responded that the side streets do not accommodate cyclist like Grand Avenue would.

Board Member Morales requested that citizens in the audience be allotted time to speak on this item. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Ms. Yvonne McDonald, Director of Coconut Grove Local Development Corporation, stated that the community of Coconut Grove believed that Grand Avenue needed wider sidewalks to help with the revitalization of the community. She further stated that the community was not against cyclists but believed that a bicycle facility was better on a different street than Grand Avenue.

After much testimony from the citizens of Coconut Grove, Board Member Souto stated to demonstrate his support to the community he would support the motion. He further stated that he was disappointed that a compromise to accommodate a bike path could not be reached. Board Member Teele stated that 27th Avenue would be a good alternative to Grand Avenue. He concluded by stating that having 27th Avenue as an alternative would provide a bike path that feeds into the Metrorail system as well as give the community what they requested.

After Chairperson closed the public hearing. The Board voted on the motion to amend item A and B in the TIP Errata sheet to not include bike paths on Grand Avenue. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Sorenson requested that the Krome Avenue improvements that are scheduled for FY 2005 and FY 2006 be advanced in the TIP to get done sooner. She also requested that a traffic light be inserted simultaneous as the widening of SW 184th Street at 147th Avenue and 127th Avenue are being constructed.

Board Member Moss requested that a traffic light for 184th Street at 119th Avenue be considered.

Board Member Hantman stated that the Miami-Dade School Board was grateful to the County for the consideration of a new access road to Barbara Goldman Senior High School.

After much discussion, Board Member Morales moved the approval of the resolution as amended and Board Member Teele seconded the motion. The resolution as amended passed unanimously.

B. FY 2003 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION (UPWP)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2003 FINAL DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chairperson Margolis opened the public hearing. Chairperson Margolis closed public hearing.

Board Member Sorenson requested that the UPWP be amended to include the Citizens Advisory Committee of Homestead's recommendation on the bike paths be used for the City of Homestead Transportation Plan Update Study. She further moved for the approval of the resolution as amended. Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The resolution as amended passed unanimously.

C. REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBER JAVIER D. SOUTO

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Board Member Souto moved for the approval of the resolution. Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

D. JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA)

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Board Member Rolle moved for the approval of the resolution and Chairperson Margolis second the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEM:

A. BAYLINK STUDY: STATUS REPORT

Mr. Wilson Fernandez, MPO Project Manager, introduced Mr. Larry Foutz of Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc. who provided the Board with a brief presentation.

Mr. Foutz informed the Board that the purpose of the presentation was to provide additional information to the Board that would help them make a decision on which Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to be studied further in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bay Link project. Mr. Foutz further presented the Board with a brief power point presentation of the Decision Document. *(A copy of this document is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Smith stated that the City of Miami Beach was concerned with the proposal of creating a dedicated lane on Washington Avenue and on Alton Road. He further stated that the concern involved increase in traffic congestion and a reduction in the current street parking available. He further stated that the City of Miami Beach Mayor requested clarity on whether it would be feasible to bring the Bay Link up to 5th and Alton with connections to the Electrowave. He further stated that the Mayor would like to use the Electrowave as the means of transportation in the South Beach area. Mr. Foutz responded that there were not enough buses in the Electrowave fleet to accommodate the projected 1700 ridership during the peak hours. He further responded that 5th and Alton did not provide adequate room to marshal the distribution system.

Board Member Smith stated that the City of Miami Beach Commission expressed skepticism of the ridership numbers projected. Mr. Foutz responded that there would always be skepticism in projected ridership numbers. He further stated that the numbers projected were very conservative and did not show the growth that exists today.

Board Member Teele stated that after the Bay Link project reaches a consensus, the City of Miami could be willing to work with the City of Miami Beach on an interlocal agreement to explore ways to develop a dedicated funding source.

VI. REPORTS

- A. MEMBERS
- B. MANAGER
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- D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

E. SECRETARIAT

(No discussion on report items A, B, C, D & E)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.